



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64574

Hirobumi AOKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/869,142

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 1209

Examiner: Christian L. Fronda

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: NOVEL RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, NITRILASE GENE, NITRYL HYDRATASE GENE AND AMIDASE GENE FROM RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC ACIDS USING THEM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 12, 2003 to December 12, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$840.00 is attached; (fee calculated with \$950.00 minus \$110.00 extension paid on October 9, 2003). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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